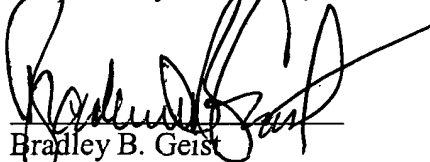


REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests that the compounds recited in Claim 16 are sufficiently close to avoid the necessity of an election requirement, and seek the favorable consideration of the pending new claim on the merits. The compounds recited in Claims 16 are compounds which were not elected from prosecution in the parent application Serial No. 09/958,960.

Respectfully submitted,

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